



CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS
FIRE BOARD OF APPEALS
MEETING **MINUTES**
NOVEMBER 13, 2020 – 8:30 A.M.

Present Fire Board of Appeals Board Members (6):

Vince Colarelli
David Helmer
David Hewett, Chair
Ron Honn
John Putnam, Vice Chair
Mike Riggs

Industry Represented:

Building
Large Business
Small Business
Citizen At-Large
Insurance
Architecture

Not Present (1):

Roger Wallace

Industry Represented:

Fire Suppression

Present Fire Board of Appeals Secretary:

Brett Lacey, Fire Marshal

Representing:

Colorado Springs Fire Department

Additional Attendee(s):

Katha Snow, Compliance Coordinator
Frederick Stein, Senior Attorney
Mark Trudell, Deputy Fire Marshal

Representing:

Colorado Springs Fire Department
City of Colorado Springs
Colorado Springs Fire Department

CALL TO ORDER

1. Chairperson Hewett called the meeting to order at 8:31 A.M. and promptly conducted a roll call.

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Board Member Colarelli motioned to approve the meeting minutes.
Vice Chair Putnam seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

2. Contractor Licensing

- A. Fire Alarm Contractor A

- i. Business Name:

Global Axiom Security, Inc.

Principal Officers:

David A. Hake, President

Kimberly M. Burgess, Treasurer

Licensee:

Jerome P. Frederick

RME:

Jerome P. Frederick

Fire Marshal Lacey reported the applicant meets the Pikes Peak Regional Building Code licensing requirements and recommended approval.

Board Member Colarelli motioned to approve the application.
Vice Chair Putnam seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

B. Fire Suppression Contractor B

- i. **Business Name:** **Arapahoe Fire Protection LLC**
Principal Officer: Kraig Denkins, President
Licensee: Brian S. Knight
RME: Brian S. Knight

Fire Marshal Lacey reported the applicant meets the Pikes Peak Regional Building Code licensing requirements and recommended approval.

Vice Chair Putnam motioned to approve the application.
Board Member Honn seconded the motion.

Board Member Colarelli recalled, and Vice Chair Putnam confirmed, Fire Board of Appeals previously monitored Arapahoe Fire Protection's business practices for compliance.

Deputy Fire Marshal Trudell explained other than this license application, which was prompted when the fire department discovered Arapahoe Fire Protection was not meeting the responsible managing employee (RME) licensing requirements, their performance has been par for the past three years.

The motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

1. Updates

- A. Burn Restriction Order
Presenter: Fire Marshal Brett Lacey

Colorado Springs moved out of a burn ban into burn restrictions. However, predictions indicate the Front Range will continue being in a significant drought state through May 2021. Another burn ban order will be necessary as early as January if conditions do not improve.

The Pikes Peak Region Wildfire Preparedness group continues to meet weekly to discuss resources, fuels, weather, etc.

- B. COVID-19
Presenter: Fire Marshal Brett Lacey

COVID-19 impacts fire departments' suppression forces and Colorado Springs Fire Department is not the exception with eighteen employees testing positive year to date. One outbreak occurred at a station. Contact tracing indicates most line personnel contracted the virus from exposures outside the work environment, not from treating patients.

Current trajectories indicate intensive care units at local hospitals will become overrun by patients suffering from COVID-19 during the second week of December.

Board members are encouraged to wear masks, wash hands, social distance, and advocate for all preventative measures.

Vice Chair Putnam asked if the fire department is experiencing an increase in arson cases due to COVID-19.

Fire Marshal Lacey stated arson cases have not increased since the onset of the virus.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURN

Vice Chair Putnam motioned for the meeting to adjourn.

Board Member Honn seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brett T. Lacey
Fire Marshal and Secretary to Fire Board of Appeals

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